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One day,
Merida's brothers want
to climb a cliff.
Merida laughs.

She tells them

it is too hard.

They will
climb anyway.

Hamish goes first.
His brothers give
him a boost.

Oh, no!

Hamish slips.

He needs help!

Harris finds

Merida.

Merida, Harris,
and Hubert
ride Angus
to the cliff.

They see Hamish.
They also see some
will o' the wisps.
Hamish is in danger!

Harris and Hubert
make a pile
of leaves.

Merida ties an arrow
to a rope.
She shoots the arrow
over a tree branch.

Hubert ties the rope to Angus.

Angus walks
up a hill.
Hubert keeps
the rope tied.

Merida holds on.
The rope pulls her
up the cliff.

The will o' the wisps
make Hamish fall.
Merida reaches
for her brother.

She catches him!

The will o' the wisps

fly away.

Hamish hugs Merida.

The rope lowers
Merida and Hamish
to the ground.

Hamish lands

in the leaves.

He is safe!

Merida hugs
her brothers.
They worked together
to help Hamish.

She is proud of them.
She thanks Angus
for his help.

The boys say
they are as brave
as their sister.
Merida agrees!

They are safe and warm,
thanks to Cri-Kee
the lucky cricket!

The friends warm up
by a fire.
Mulan thanks Cri-Kee
for helping the girl.

Everyone is happy.

Cri-Kee is inside
with a little girl!

She was lost.

Cri-Kee found her

and kept her safe.

They follow the trail to a cave.

They dig out
the cave opening.

Mushu has an idea.

He breathes a little fire.

Now Mulan can see.

She finds Cri-Kee's tracks!

Mulan and Mushu
try to find the trail.
It is cold.
It is snowy.

Clouds make it
hard to see.

Mulan and Mushu
follow the trail.
Mushu sneezes.
The trail melts!

Mushu is worried.
He knows Cri-Kee
hates the cold.

Mulan finds Mushu.
She asks him
to help.

Mushu does not want
to go out in the snow.
But he agrees.

Mulan looks for him.
He is not
in the house.
She looks outside.

She sees his footprints

in the snow!

Oh, no!

Fa Zhou and Fa Li

have some bad luck.

Cri-Kee the lucky cricket is gone!

It is snowing!
Mulan and her family
are at home.
Mulan washes dishes.

Fa Li sews.

Fa Zhou reads.

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